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The Universities in Retreat

To speak of internationalism today is to lay oneself open to the charge of bad taste. Internationalism is the poor relation of world politics; and we are encouraged in practice either to ignore its existence or to pay a passing lip-service to a forgotten purpose. To continue to press the urgency for an international outlook is to be guilty of antiquarian enthusiasm or dangerous fanaticism.

Yet we who are university students and teachers must continue to be heretics, for if the universities can at all survive they must above all be built on the solid structure of an international civilisation. There is no such thing as German chemistry or French Physics or English Mathematics, because scientific and cultural research are meaningless if imprisoned within the shackles of territorial limitations. Universities are international in all things, or they are not worth the bricks and mortar with which they are built.

But war and the threat of war have sapped the spirit of the international ideal. Instead of an international society the universities survey a whole continent as a mosaic of mutually exclusive nationalisms. The problems for the universities were and is: should they become the handmaidens of the existing order or should they re-affirm the validity of the international idea? In a large number of cases there has been no opportunity even for taking a decision. The great and bitter testimony paid to the potential authority of the university is that the forces of destruction have selected the universities as the first object of a assault. It is more than significant that the Japanese invaders selected the Chinese universities as one of the chief targets for their bombs. Here and elsewhere we are faced with the alarming spectacle of the universities in disorder and retreat.

The universities of the world have paid and are paying their price; and it seems that every man and woman at a College such as ours is under a moral obligation to contribute his or her share. It is with this overwhelming problem that the International Student Service is endeavouring to wrestle. The I.S.S. has gallantly tackled the problem of helping the many Chinese students who have tried to reconstruct university life in spite of all the horror and havoc of a modern war. However great the temptations might have been to emphasise our political or national characteristics of the

struggle, all these have been deliberately cast aside in order to make this enterprise purely that of one university group helping another. The emphasis has, in fact, been specially laid upon the non-political nature of the support given. A strong academic committee under the Chairmanship of Dr. Ernest Barker has been making headway in the task of alleviating the material lot of thousands of Chinese students, and of strengthening the links between the universities of China and of this country. On this ground alone the campaign deserves the greatest possible support from the learned institutions of Great Britain.

The burden has been an unconscious one; but the fine response to the appeal throughout the country indicated that in some such way the burden might be lightened and the situation eased. Instead of being able to record this however we must notice instead that within the last year two more pages have been added to the chronicle of shame. To the problem of the Chinese there is now added the problem of the Austrian and Czech student exiles. The position appears as near hopeless as conceivable. But the claim cannot be ignored.

The I.S.S. has extended its purpose to include the Chinese, Austrian and Czech students, and earnestly appeals to each of us to make some contribution to alleviate their lot. This is peculiarly our problem: the problem of students and teachers at a University College. To deafen ourselves to this claim would be to renounce our title to be members of a university community, and to break faith with the principle for which this College stands. However small the sum we may individually give there will be some student abroad who will have cause for gratitude and hope. Can we not for one brief fleeting moment demonstrate some glimmering of unity amongst the universities amidst the cacophony of a thousand discordant voices? Not one penny of the sums collected will be used for any political purpose however noble and just it be. The total amount will be exclusively devoted towards gaining some little peace of mind and some little chance for study for these universities in exile.

This College contributed a considerable sum last year towards the national fund of the I.S.S. We can and surely must give as much this year, now that the plea has become even more urgent. This appeal, then, comes to us on the grounds of

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Mr. Pim Passes By

The Stage Society is to be congratulated on having chosen this year a play well within their range and one which demands clever acting, but is also of general popular appeal. Since their membership is small at present, a play with a large cast was out of the question, and it was wise to choose a play where the work is distributed fairly well throughout the cast. Moreover, "Mr. Pim" is by way of becoming one of the classic comedies of this generation as "Charlie's Aunt" was a classic farce of the last. The dismay caused in an ordinary family by a stranger's chance disclosure of a fact that, if it were generally known, would bring disgrace upon them, his hesitations and confusions, and final confession that he was mistaken in the name of the man he had been describing, these form a series of comedy situations that cannot fail, to be entertaining.

"Mr. Pim" was an admirable choice, therefore, and it was admirably presented. For this, much of the credit obviously goes to Mr. Alec Holland, the producer. The action went forward smoothly, the timing was good and the entrances and exits of the characters well managed. (The wretched accommodation in the wings of this stage makes the last point one of greater credit here than it would be elsewhere.) The teamwork was generally good and the grouping excellent, though the characters tended to roam round the stage more than was necessary in a play where the dialogue itself provides pace and interest.

Of the players, Miss Dorothy Binning as *Olivia* and Mr. Campbell Matthews as *George Marden* had the longest parts, and they played them with consistent vigour and understanding. In the last scene, discussing the question of re-marriage, they both underlined the comedy points very neatly, and kept up the interest of the audience in a situation where the most urgent problems had already been solved by Mr. Pim. Miss Audrey Daniels and Mr. Robert Leslie were delightful as the young lovers; even the pert inconsequences of the part of *Dinah* were made attractive, and *Brian's* devotion was both credible and convincing. Miss Jean Townend and Miss Iris Oades performed the small parts efficiently, though *Lady Marden's* make-up was badly lacking in verisimilitude. Her face showed a hearty out-of-doors complexion but her neck remained girlishly fair, utterly ruining the impression of "toughness" she was meant to give.

Mr. H. F. G. Andrews had the

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Editorial.

This week Dame Nature has doffed the last vestiges of her Autumn finery: wind, rain, and frost have stripped the leaves from the trees and have driven the squirrels into their winter retreats: blackbirds, thrushes, sparrows and starlings, those hardy animals among the feathered folk, have sought sheltered nooks near plentiful food-supplies.

This new nipiness in the air has had its effect outside Nature's domains: a new energy has been imparted to our College Clubs and Societies. On Saturday, the Boat Club, by comfortably beating Queen Mary's, set a pace which the other Clubs were not slow to follow, and the Rugger win against the Old Wordsworthians was particularly encouraging.

On Sunday morning a full house listened to a debate on the pros and cons of marriage. Since we were, in the words of one of the speakers, "conventionally inexperienced" a certain amount of "airy nonsense" was to be expected, but it is at least encouraging to note that, a small minority excepted most people treated the subject seriously.

The outstanding achievement of the term was the Stage Society's production of "Mr. Pim Passes By" and a criticism appears on another page. Suffice it to say here therefore, that Wessex News congratulates all those who took part in a first class performance.

In our last issue we mentioned the rather absurd system of vouchers in Refectory. That food could be had for paper money while cigarettes, coffee and chocolate could be had for hard cash, seemed ridiculous enough, but last week a dearth of penny vouchers meant that hard cash had to be used for all purposes. Vouchers are quite unnecessary and very irritating and it would be very gratifying to see the end of a system which must prove a considerable drain on the Refectory finances.

Correspondence

Dear Sir,

I should like to protest very strongly against the bad taste shown by many of the lecturers here, in making unnecessary controversial comments on religion and politics during lectures, when students cannot defend their own views, or correct libels on their Church or Party.

Yours, etc.,

J. M. L.

Student Representation

Not the least important feature of life in a modern University should be the close and friendly co-operation between the authorities and the general body of students. An important and significant step towards strengthening the existing relations has recently been taken. The Students' Council felt that the recognised means of communication between the authorities and the Union were inadequate and, in their necessarily slow procedure unsatisfactory. It was difficult to put a point of view concisely and with full conviction in an official letter and consequently not easy for members of the governing body to appreciate fully student opinion on some matters.

At the beginning of this session therefore the Students' Council decided to send a letter to Senate asking whether some machinery could not be set up in order to facilitate communication between the authority and the Students. This request was considered at its true value and as a result the President, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Union were invited to a meeting of the Development Committee, a Sub-Committee of Senate. At this meeting it was agreed to hold informal meetings between members of the Development Committee and representatives of the Students' Council at which important questions affecting the interests and activities of students could be discussed. The Students' Council believe that these meetings, which will be called by either the College authorities or the Student's Council, will provide an opportunity of presenting student opinion in a more direct, decisive and convincing manner than was previously possible. The goodwill and understanding shown at the first of these meetings augurs well for the success of the scheme which should mark the beginning of a new era of co-operation to the benefit of all concerned.

T. J. KINGMAN,

Secretary of the Students' Union.

POINTS FROM—

the Principal's Speech at the Guildhall
on the occasion of the Girl's Grammar School Prizegiving.

I have always the most fearful sympathy with the person who happens to be MY Secretary. But there are nice people in the world.

The day when teaching or matrimony were the two awful alternatives are passed.

There are many branches of Civil Service work in which women are just about twice as good as men.

I have a very high regard for the Press, but I am told that certain organs are more distinguished than others.

BRITAIN AND WORLD ORDER

Mr. Timperlake, secretary of the British Universities League of Nations Society spoke at the College branch of the Society last Friday. He said that we all wanted the rule of law and order, which meant that a state of affairs should be brought about in which no nation is able to impress its views on another nation by force. Disputes must be settled by negotiation. Mr. Chamberlain admits this, but he believes in conciliation without collective security. But if we consider why it is we are able to settle disputes inside the country, e.g., between a Trades Union and an association of employers, we find that it is because each side knows that no settlement can be reached until concessions have been made by both sides. Negotiation in Hitler's eye means that one side shall move completely over to the other side's (Germany's) position.

The results of conciliating foreign powers without there being collective security is clearly seen by comparing the demands of these countries before and after the "conciliation." Germany insisted on self-determination before Czechoslovakia's invasion, she now speaks of "a new apportionment of the World." Japan demands the right to save Asia and Italy demands the right to save both the peoples in S.E. Europe and oppressed peoples in French colonies.

He concluded by saying we must combine with America and that we must refuse belligerent rights to General Franco.

"FOR PEACE AND SOCIAL JUSTICE."

This is the slogan of the British Youth Peace Assembly to which the College Peace Council is affiliated. The Peace Council is an organisation formed by the Affiliation of four societies, the L.N.U., S.C.M., Conservative Association and Socialist Society. To-day, young people all over the country are realising that as the potential cannon fodder of any war, it is their duty to do their best to prevent such a calamity occurring. The B.Y.P.A. is an expression of this realisation.

During this year you will be hearing more about the activities of the B.Y.P.A. since N.U.S. is co-operating with them, both on the question of the economic condition of youth (see the article in this issue on the Youth Hearing) and on the question of raising money for food for Spanish children. In this humanitarian cause we have the support of the Students Council and when the appeal is made, please do not let it go unheard.

The Peace Council is a body which you can support whatever your political views or religious creed, its policy and its slogan are those which a civilised person with any sense of decency and justice must support.

Youth Hearing

There is a general feeling of frustration among University Students, and other sections of youth to-day. This feeling is becoming more and more apparent as conditions in the world worsen, and as the future blackens. Students and young people to-day see the world, and the ideals they believe in, being shattered by forces which seem outside their control. They ask: "What can we do to prevent this?" But in what way action can be effective is not made clear.

The British Youth Peace Assembly exists to answer this need. Their motto "For Peace and Social Justice" is one to which all sections of youth can and do respond. The problems of peace and social justice are inter-connected, for we cannot have one without the other: and that is why the B.Y.P.A. lays such emphasis on the Youth Charter, which is a programme of reform affecting the youth of this country, based on the principles of social justice and equality of opportunity.

The Youth Hearing, which will be held in London on the last three Saturdays in January and the last Saturday in February, is intimately connected with the campaign for the Youth Charter. It is to be a Hearing into the conditions of Youth in this country. A Commission of Experts will receive evidence from national and local organisations concerning youth in industry, agriculture, health, education, leisure, and unemployment. This evidence will be submitted in written form, but in addition young workers, students, etc. will come up to London to give verbal evidence and to answer questions.

Evidence on all questions concerning youth will be given, and throughout the country youth organisations are working, collecting and sifting evidence for the Hearing. Public attention will then be focussed on the problems of youth and there should follow a great impetus towards providing solutions for the many problems that will arise.

Why should University students be interested in this? Because the improvement in conditions is intimately bound up with the problem of peace, and a general forward policy of government. Because the problems of University students divorced from the problems of youth outside the Universities. Because the forces influencing the development of society are the same as those forces influencing the development of the Universities. Our problems as University students, then, are a part, and a very real and important part, of the problems of youth.

The Youth Hearing, then, provides an opportunity of making our voices heard with

those of other sections of youth. It provides an opportunity of bringing students in closer touch with Society, of speaking down the unreal divorce that exists between the Universities and Society, while at the same time linking up our demands with the question of peace and social justice.

How, then, can the Universities take action in this matter? The National Union of Students has a co-ordinating committee producing evidence for the Hearing. On the committee all the leading national University organisations are represented. They are producing evidence on the adequacy of grants and scholarships, on graduate employment, and on the general conditions of students. But the Committee needs help from the individual Universities, they need evidence of the material conditions of students and on the other questions they are collecting evidence. It is up to the Universities to provide this evidence, and there are many ways they can do it.

Meetings should be held, called by the Unions or the Peace Councils, to explain the Youth Hearing. At these meetings the questions of employment, grants and scholarships, of length of time spent in travelling, of malnutrition, of facilities for sport and health, should be discussed. The Unions or individual students should collect evidence of actual cases where assistance to students is inadequate, where the student cannot afford to buy necessary books, to buy an adequate meal, or is debared from taking part in the social life of the University owing to lack of money. Find out whether the Board of Education grant is considered a satisfactory system—produce evidence on any matter that comes up at the meetings, bearing always in mind the relation of the Youth Hearing to the Youth Charter.

Or the University could go farther than this and relate their problems to society by some such manner as this: make a survey of the educational opportunities in your area. Find out the total number of public elementary school boys, and compare it to the number of ex-public elementary schoolboys at your University. Find out the number of black listed schools, the size of class, and relate it to the employment of graduates of the University Training Departments.

These are only some of the ways in which the University could produce the sort of evidence required. Above all, see that you do this in time, for time is running short, and the evidence submitted by the N.U.S. must be good and comprehensive. All evidence collected should be sent in as soon as possible to the Secretary of the N.U.S.

BRIAN SIMON, (Vice-Pres., N.U.S.)

Athletic Union

The choice of Miss O. Comben for the W.V.A.B. Netball Team and of L. M. Wallace for the U.A.U. Soccer Team was but a prelude to a very successful week-end of sport.

In fact, the only team to meet with a defeat on Saturday last was the second eleven Soccer who lost to Ichen Secondary school. This lapse, however, was more than counterbalanced by the smashing victory of the 1st XI over Portsmouth Higher Education Staff.

The dull and heavy clouds, which for the greater part of this term, have overshadowed the Rugger Ball, parted on Saturday, and a welcome victory brightened their hitherto dismal record. The Rugger Team have been particularly unfortunate this season in that the major part of their first fifteen are on the injured list. Furthermore the absence of both captain and vice-captain makes their position even more unhappy.

The Boat Club, who have been practising assiduously for the past six weeks, recorded a double victory over Queen Mary's College, London. But it has whispered that the College 2nd VIII were rowing against a crew of freshers and the narrow margin of one length is not very convincing, especially when the races with Bristol are so near.

However, sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

SOCCER CLUB.

U.C.S. 11. Portsmouth H.E.S. O. Here was a match notable as much for the pitiful plight of "Staff" team with only ten men, as for the almost monotonous regularity with which Eden is sending his goal average rocketing, for after his six goals on Wednesday, he scored a "bag" of seven goals against the "Staff". A curious-looking U.C.S. forward line was surprisingly prolific in goals, even under the eagle eye of Referee L. M. Wallace. Pettit moved to pivot again, and the "Staff" were up against an almost impossible task, although their shining light Kinneer (an old U.C.S. player) made repeated attempts to break

through. Little remains to be said of this match, except that it augurs well for the U.A.U. match against Reading on Saturday.

A HALF HOLIDAY FOR THE U.C.S.

Sat. Oct. 19th.
L.S.E. 1. U.C.S. 5.
Wed. Oct. 23rd.

U.C.S. 3. Peter Symonds 2.
U.C.S. 2nd, 5. Peter Symonds 2nd, 1.

Sat. Oct. 20th.
U.C.S. 2nd 1. Ichen Sec. School, 4.

THE BOAT CLUB.

The first and second eights both won their races against Queen Mary College, London on Saturday.

The Race between the first crews began with a false start which upset the Southampton boat so that in the second start they did not get away so well. However, Southampton quickly took the lead, rowing at thirty two. At the Railway Bridge not only did the Queen Mary boat go badly to pieces, but they also steered a course which gave Southampton a great advantage so that they paddled home to win easily by 6 lengths.

The second crews had more of a race although between two very inexperienced crews. Southampton made a better start but were overtaken by their opponents, which obviously unnerved the Southampton boat and they rowed hurriedly until the bend at the Railway Bridge gave them the lead. Confidence then returned to Southampton and Queen Mary's suffered from nerves. From Cobden Bridge the Queen Mary crew began rapidly to come up on Southampton, but bad bucking prevented them from making sufficient headway to win, or even to make an exciting finish. Southampton won the race by two lengths.

Although Southampton won both races the crews were very rough and it is evident that a number of changes will have to be made in both boats before the best possible crews are obtained.

RUGGER CLUB.

Prospects have brightened considerably of late in the Rugby Club, the last three matches having been won without any member of the side being seriously injured.

On Saturday, the 1st XV, although still badly depleted, achieved its best performance of the season in beating the Old Wordsworthians. College went ahead early on when Bayns went over in the corner for an unconverted try after a good break through by Hunt. U.C.S. continued to hold the upper hand throughout the first half and added to their lead when, following a fine run by Evans, Newman scored a try which Roberts converted.

In the second half, College faded out somewhat, probably due to lack of training, with the result that the Old Wordsworth-

ians scored through a penalty goal and from that point attacked very fiercely. Improved tackling by the College held up their attacks, however, until a minute from the end, when a mistake among the College backs let them in for an unconverted try.

In spite of this second half decline, however, this was a very promising display by the College team and indicates that, with the return of Wife, Woolley and Beech to the outsides, we should have a really strong team.

RESULTS.

U.C.S. 8. Old Wordsworthians 6.

Wed., Nov. 16th.

U.C.S. 11. King Alfred's Coll. 6.
NOTE.—In view of the Exeter match on December 7th there will be a training run for the 1st XV each evening from Nov. 28th to Dec. 5th.

FENCING CLUB.

Foil: R.A.O.C. Hilsea 6. U.C.S. 3.

Epee: R.A.O.C. 5½. U.C.S. 3½.

Sabre: R.A.O.C. 8. U.C.S. 1.

This match was another victory for superior training and more intensive practice, and we would do well to book-learn many movements and phases.

Foil: R.A.F. Rolleston, 8. U.C.S. 1.

Epee: R.A.F. 5. U.C.S. 4.

Sabre: R.A.F. 8. U.C.S. 1.

It is reckoned on the number of points scored this was not such a disastrous defeat as it seems. There was a new element in our loss this week—we appeared stale and tired, and our form was noticeably worse than earlier in the term, though a certain amount of practice has been kept up, and little we could do seemed able to succeed.

NETBALL CLUB.

U.C.S. 16. Convent High Sch. 14.
By winning this match, College has reached the third round of the Sussex and South Hampshire Netball League. The team played well and deserved to win.

Although the score was two down at half-time, improved centre play and the final spurt by the shooters achieved a victory.

Goldsmith's 22. U.C.S. 18.
This match was a good hard struggle and quite the best game of the season. There was an all-round improvement in the play, and the team showed that they were capable of sustained effort. The score was 18-all a few minutes before the final whistle and only a hard attack by Goldsmith's decided the issue.

CROSS COUNTRY CLUB.

On Saturday, November 19th, the 1st team ran against Reading and King Alfred's College at home. The course was in very good condition and the visitors found it very hard going, with the result that the College had the

first big win of the season. Result: U.C.S. 54, King Alfred's 59; Reading 61.

Individual positions (in field of 24): Pirrie 1; Hodgkinson 4; Moore 9; Dyer 12; Armstrong 13; Russell 15.

An "A" team ran against Portsmouth G.S. on Wednesday, November 23rd at home. Result: Portsmouth G.S. 46; U.C.S. 60. There was a training run on Wednesday from the pavilion at 2.45. In view of the match on Saturday against Eastleigh A.C., it is necessary that all members turn out.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY.

U.C.S. 7. Goldsmith's 4.

To the backs and halves of the Coll. XI, the most credit is due, for the victory. The game began in confusion, but soon the home forwards repeatedly took the ball to the opponent's goal. The half-time came with the Coll. XI, in full control, the score being 3-1 in our favour. After the interval Goldsmith's attacked vigorously and the raids were effectively checked by sound and steady backs and halves. Well though the forwards played, they kept up-field and avoided so much confusion in the opponent's circle U.C.S. would undoubtedly have led by a greater margin than the score shows.

U.C.S. 3. Portsmouth T.C. 6.
U.C.S. 3. Winchester L.H.C. 4.
U.C.S. 7. Waverley 1.

A convincing victory characterised by a distinct improvement in forwards shooting ability. The defence and halves as always played well together and were never seriously worried by their opponents' attack. Forwards shot hard at goal but there is still ample room for improvement in ball control and mid-field combination if an optimistic view of A.U. fixtures next week is to be entertained.

MEN'S HOCKEY.

M.H.C. 1. v. Rifle Depot 2.

M.H.C. 6. v. Poole Nomads 1.

Against the Rifle Depot College began well, with the advantage of the slope and play was even in the first half. However, in the second half College rather went to pieces and the Rifle Depot got their winning goal.

The match with Poole Nomads saw a great change in the fortunes of College. Against definitely weaker opponents College was rather slow in starting and play was mostly in mid field and at half-time the score was 2-0. In the second half with the slope in their favour College soon attacked and with some open play piled up four more goals.

A.U. COMMITTEE MEETING

Accounts for 1937-38 were presented and showed a surplus of £21 on the year, but since in the preceding year there was a deficit of £16, the accumulated surplus was only £5.

2. Estimates for 1938-9 were presented by the Treasurer.

This showed an estimated deficit of £43. It was decided to accept these estimates and not cut down the activities of Clubs.

3. Mr. Grant, Miss Smith and Mr. Reed were appointed as representatives on H.I.C.A.A.

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our common humanity and our self-interest. The humanity of it needs no elaboration. The self-interest lies in the fact that for every lamp of learning which is extinguished abroad, the responsibility and the difficulties of our own universities increase apace; while every suffering university student who is enabled to continue with his study is the tiny attempt to re-kindle a lamp in the outer darkness of horror and terror. When these universities re-open their doors in time of peace, they will be all the stronger for the friendship and help which we cannot, for their sakes, and dare not, for our own sake, refuse to extend to them in their hour of torment.

ACADEMICUS.

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envious part of Mr. Pim and carried off the acting honours of the evening. He is of course, an easy part to play: the abnormally stranger, gentle and whimsical, is a permanent stage favourite, but there is always a danger of over-playing and giving it. This danger Mr. Andrews avoided, giving a polished study of the character, complete in every detail of movement, intonation and expression.

The lighting and stage management were up to the usual high standard of the Stage Society, and the set was pleasing. (An additional and unexpected charm was added on Friday night, when the head and shoulders of an over-zealous "prompt" could be seen gradually encroaching on the stage from the back of the fireplace.)

The show, taken as a whole, was a great success and both producer and actors are to be congratulated on the very hard work that they must have put in, to achieve such a harmonious and vivacious result in so short a time.

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O.T.C. Notes

It is not generally realised in College that the O.T.C. is by far the largest student organisation in the Union. It has an establishment of 82 Officer Cadets, of whom 60 are members of the Union. In this respect, it has the largest percentage of students on the roll of any University institution in England.

It has had an almost meteoric rise in strength. In its first year, the numbers were about 40, so that a 100 per cent increase has taken place this year.

We take this opportunity to welcome 2/Lieut. D. B. McNeill (T.A.) who comes from the O.T.C. of Queen's, Belfast.

SOUTHAMPTON UNIVERSITY OFFICERS TRAINING CORPS. CONTINGENT PART I. ORDERS No. 40.

Southampton Friday Nov. 25th, 1938.

1. Parades.
Monday, Nov. 28th.
1700 hrs. to 1900 hrs.

All Cadets who parade on this date to draw rifles from the Armoury and parade in the Assembly Hall.

1st Period, Arms Drill.
2nd Period, Visual Training.
3rd. Period. Revision.

Tuesday, Nov. 29th.
1300 hrs. to 1400 hrs.

Practice Shoot on the Miniature Range for previous year Cadets, and any Recruits who have fired with the Service Rifle (22in.)

Thursday, Dec. 1st.
1700 hrs. to 1900 hrs.

Full Contingent parade in Room No. 1. Lecture on: Protection on the Move and at Rest.

Monday, Dec. 5th.
1700 hrs. to 1900 hrs.

All Recruits who parade on this date to draw Rifles from the Armoury and parade in the Assembly Hall.

2. Courses.

There will be a short course for Cadet N.C.O.'s to be held at Winchester (Rifle Dept.) on January 5th and 6th, 1939. Cadet N.C.O.'s who wish to attend to give their names into this office.

Subject—Sandtable exercises. Elementary umpiring. Writing orders and messages.

3. Duties.

Cadet Orderly for the Week commencing, Monday 28th. Cadet Smith T.F., to report to Sgt. Read P.S.I., on Monday morning for instructions.

4. Manuals.

All Training Books and Manuals are to be returned immediately to their Headquarters.

Signed J. W. ACKROYD, 2/Lieut. Officer Commanding, Southampton Contingent, O.T.C.

Hall Notes

IT HAPPENED ONE NIGHT

'T'was a dark and stormy night, yet a gallant band of six plus six (would-be players and supporters) trudged on to—South Hill. Welcomed by a rosy-cheeked cadet and autumnal foliage, the party ascended the stairs in high spirits and then the blow descended. One by one the Highfield stalwarts fell; Joyce succumbed to the sure aim of cadet captain Carre, Eckford's strong arm kept Dot in her place, our Maggie losing head (and heart?) fell to Hearnshaw, even Mac failed to withstand the advances of Gallienne and Madeleine and Babs kept up the tradition. After sixteen games, victory at last came to Highfield, but 'time marches on' and the games had to be shortened, for Captain Wakeford could not ask for extended leave this time. (Think of sailors' reputations). One more victory to Highfield and then further shortening of the games encouraged the weaker sex. Boo! Play a manly game from Captain Wakeford and braced (?) scoring by Lieut. Branch contributed to the demoralisation of two more cadets and the match was finished.

The evening was however, only half over—supper followed (what a spread!) and regrettably we prepared to depart. A fleet of cars arrived—well fed and happy we were driven to the station, formation, one car following upon the trail of another right up to the very doors of Hall. Our thanks to South Hill for one of the most pleasant evenings of the term and may we get our revenge next term at Highfield.

CONNAUGHT ENTERTAINMENT.

It has been said that to hold a dance in Connaught is a good omen of success; when in addition to the spacious and dignified setting the men of Connaught are themselves our hosts, little is left to be desired.

The omission of the entertainment from the programme was due to the misappropriation of the "props" by cultists, who, by an ingenious process of elimination were eventually discovered and suitably rewarded.

Credit is due also to the technical management responsible for the apparently miraculous way in which a ballroom suddenly detached itself from a motleyed cluster high above our heads, and floating over dancers turned to statues, ended its wayward descent at the feet of Mr. Newman and his partner, Miss Dart, who were rewarded an accolade.

Time sped on and soon another milestone on the pleasant road of the Session was passed, and in a quiet settled down again over Connaught. Thank you gentlemen for a very enjoyable evening!

The Land of the Eagle

After hearing Stanley Beaver's very interesting address on Albania, one can no longer look upon this land as a myth, but as a very solid portion of the earth's crust, on which a simple mountain folk is trying after long Turkish domination, to reach national expression.

A series of very illustrative slides pictured infinite details of the Albanian landscape and life. They portrayed a self-subsisting, pleasant population engaged in a simple pastoral life, set against a background of bare or scrubby tertiary hills. A land completely devoid of large scale industry, thriving port activities, or town and city life as we know them; but characterised by the typical one-street bazaar or the white isolated farmstead, rough roads and tracks frequented by the quaint hay-cart drawn by oxen, the dazzling colours of traditional costume. In remoter upland regions, brigandage and family feuds express an even earlier stage of development. But into this simple life creeping ominous signs of Italian capital, seen particularly in the modern ferro-concrete bridges, and in the up-to-date buildings, line roads and boulevards of Tirana, the capital.

JOSCOCK.

Spanish Children

At the recent Council of the National Union of Students, Mr. George Beau, who represented the N.U.S. as a student delegation to the war-areas of Spain, made a report on his visit. He gave a most moving account of the pitiable state of the Spanish children through lack of food. As a result of this report, the N.U.S. have decided to support as strongly as it can the appeal for food for Spanish children on both sides. The appeal is above all political issues, and the food will be sent to both sides if it is desired. The appeal is completely humanitarian in character—it is an attempt to alleviate the children's suffering, irrespective of political implications. Our own Student's Council is shortly to ask members of the Union to contribute as much as they possibly can towards this humanitarian work. Pamphlets illustrating the suffering of the children will be circulated, collections will be organised, and in various ways endeavours will be made to do whatever we can to alleviate this distress. I do most urgently ask all members of the Union to help in this appeal. Surely we who call ourselves Christians cannot stand by idly and contribute nothing towards this work of elementary humanity.

L. H. MOORE.

President.

The Editor regrets that owing to pressure of space, some articles have been considerably shortened.

Lecture Inaugural

On Tuesday, November 21st, the address inaugural to the chair of French at College was delivered by Professor H. W. Lawton. The Principal, nearly all the staff and a large number of students from all Departments of the College were present.

After paying a tribute to his predecessors, Professor Alan Boase and Professor E. W. Patchett, Professor Lawton said that French might be considered a third classic, as the French themselves once considered Italian a third classic. The elegance the richness, the delicacy and the power of the French tongue, and the accumulation of literary and artistic treasures that had been piled up by the poets and sages, painters and sculptors, architects and scholars, surely entitled France to claim the coveted "third place" in the hierarchy of cultures.

"France," said Professor Lawton, is one of the few really civilised countries left." Its literature, rich and varied, is that of writers possessing in advanced degree all the most precious qualities of the human mind. Its language offers a useful discipline in precision, appreciation and criticism and is the gateway to pastures of history, philosophy and art.

As an instance of the psychological element which is so peculiarly typical of French literature, Professor Lawton gave an account of the function of the confidant, or companion, in the French drama of the XVIIth century. Starting with an extract from Chretien de Troyes in which a character recounts her feelings in monologue form, he traced the growth through Garnier, Montchrestien and Corneille of that personification of the two sides of a hero's personality which is seen in the discussions of a personal nature between a character and his confidant, usually a servant or tutor. By quotations, he showed that these were characteristic of the tragedies of the greatest of all French dramatic writers, Jean Racine. This accurate and careful analysis of the divine nature in man, a combination of psychology and intuition, seen at its best and greatest in Racine, is the most essential and typical characteristic of French literature.

By the way . . .

Extract from the Minutes of the Meeting of the Faculty Society of Arts, held on Thursday last.

... A proposal by Mr. H. Iland, seconded by Mr. Smith, that a milestone should be included in the decorations for the Arts dance, was carried unanimously.

We understand that there will be no increase in price of tickets on this occasion.—EDITOR.

Calendar.

Tuesday, November 29th.
C.U. Bible Study at 1.20 p.m. in Room 35.

Thursday, December 1st.
C.U. Missionary Study. Room 35.

Friday, December 2nd.
Biological Society, 5.15 p.m.

Saturday, December 3rd.
S.C.M. Music Study, 11.30
Canon Roger Lloyd on "The Relevance of Christianity to Political Judgement." All invited.

STONEHAM ENTERTAINMENT, 6.30 p.m.

Sunday, December 4th.
Collegiate Service at St. Mary's, South Stoneham.

Friday, December 9th.
English Association. Annual Meeting at U.C.S. Professor J. S. F. on "The Eliza Doolittle Staging of 'Romeo and Juliet'."

Saturday, December 10th.
FACULTY OF ARTS DANCE. Assembly Hall, 6.30 p.m.

Chess Club

The match U.C.S. v. Cambridge University has been fixed for March 23rd, 1939. This date is during the Oxford and Cambridge London Week. It is to be explained that London Week is the climax of the Chess Year at Oxford and Cambridge, when they field their greatest strength in the annual Inter-Varsity Match and when a Varsity team meets the strongest of the Metropolitan clubs—some of the strongest clubs in the country.

The match will probably be played over six boards and possibly will count for the University Chess Tournament.

On the 16th the Rooks in forcing our "A" to a draw, robbed College of top place in the Southampton League.

On the same occasion the "B" team were unlucky to lose 4-2 to the Old Tauntonians, runners-up last year in the League.

Last Wednesday College "A" beat the "B" by 3½-1½ in the 3rd Round for the Robertson Cup. The atmosphere was not too serious and this may partly account for some unexpected results.

K. NEVILLE READ, Secretary.

Prizes

The following awards have been approved by senate:

Gladstone Memorial Prize: Miss A. DANIELS (Faculty of Economics) for her essay on "Mercantilism, Old and New." Proxime Accessit: Miss D. BINNING (Faculty of Arts). Subject "A Critical Study of Events in Ireland during 1914."

Lyttel Essay Prize: R. F. LESLIE (Faculty of Arts) for his essay on "The Barbarization of Roman Civilization in Britain."

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